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while the rest stood as if stunned, and
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Startled by the noise, the pricat straightened up, uttering an exclamation of surprise when he saw who it was. Mother of God!" he cried, clutching a curiously. small crucifix, but before he could bring it to his lips a blow sent him crashing, half stunned, into a corner. Turning, Mark ordered the abbess across the room from the door. The woman obeyed, pale with fear. Joyce sprang to his side a cry of joy. Dahro struggled to his feet and stood muttering with fear and rage. Taking a piece of linen from the bed which was in the room, Mark ture it into strips. In a minute he had bound the abbese. Next he paded a twisted piece through her mouth and tied it behind her head.

Grasping the priest, he held him be fore him with one hand, while with the other he lifted the chain which supported the cross and cruciffs, saying very slow-

"You wear a cross and an image of the Christ when you crush your victims, Dahro raised his hands and began uttering a curse, grasping at the implety, but strangled into

"I should kill you, vulture that you are, but I will not. Judas, I leave you Thank Heaven! your wicked chemes have failed."

The next minute Dahro lay gagged and bound in such a way that be could experiences to these friends of liberty. not move; then, bidding Joyce to fol-low him, Mark left the room, and the next moment they were flying through the ballway to the back stairs. In a passage which led to the left she

stopped him,
"There may be others who would leave if they knew they could; let us tell them. They are in the chapel."

Bursting through the door, he strode mong the kneeling figures, telling all silent wonder and fear; others fled of the chapel. A few quick sentences of explanation made it clear to them what meant, and some hurried after Joyce, while the rest stood as if stunned, and

Mark glanced back and saw that many nuns were following them. A minute later they were in the tunnel, feeling their way through it to the basement under the priest's house. By the aid o the one light they reached the stairs which led up into the house. Passing through a door, they entered a rear room, out of which they passed into the council-

chamber. Scated at the table was the bishop, arrayed in all the vestments of his office, rachet and miter. His back was to them as they entered, but hearing steps, he began to rise with a certain, dignified movement, saying as he did so: "You are here so soon, Father Dahrof And is my

the price of his influence at Rome. that Dahro might wear a miter. Accuracd hypocrites! Well does the Protestant corld hate you and despise you."

The bishop stood staring in astonish ment and horror for a moment, then had recourse to a priestly subterfuge. Grasping a crucifix from the table, he touched it with his lips, then lifted his hands and began pronouncing a curse upon the darkness through which they had passed group. Ten words from the first a blow and live for the sweet future in which wits cleared, many hours afterwards, he their day all perfect. In some spot, con found Dahro with him, his own person secrated to holy affection, and shut away well mapped with the indignation of the by brave and brotherly mountains, their man who had taken Joyce Melby out or their hands.

the nunnery. Hiding them in the deep storm. shadows of a cedar, he crept forward and Yet, Mark fully understood the nature examined the way. As he studied the of his enemy. He would not rest day or the ground near the entrance. Springing that it was only the matter of a short up, Mark fired at the spot three times time till they located his hiding-place, in rapid succession, and the next instant the men bounded away, thoroughly

frightened. It was only the work of an instant to insert the key and open the gate. Pass-ing through, Mark locked it after them. and hurried into the darkness, his companions close behind him. For an hour they kept together, shunning the well-

seroud look at him, lighted thoroughfares, till they came to dwelling which stood back from the

street among the old cypress-trees.

Approaching the door, Mark rapped softly, and was answered by a woman in middle life, who looked out at him "I am an expriset; my name is Gor

don, and these are some escaped nurs. Dr. Wilkensen told me a would find shell ter here for any such if I ever needed Will you take them in and protect m? I have a place for the other one. With great willingness the women were lmitted, and, after a few words of ick forewell, they separated, Mark and tion.

fervent youth and chaste love.

CHAPTER XXI

OME days of quiet and peace fol-lowed. Even in the descript panting with excitement, and speeding There she told him her experience in the nunnery. The unmasking had come gradually. First, there was the slavery of the novices, with rigid punishments for who wished to escape to follow him. Some stood up and remained staring in the most trivial things. Then the teachings of the prizets with their stock of ipid and disgusting.

Another thing that had shaken her con-dence in the Catholic faith was the bickering among the none. She had en place of holy quiet, peace and love, but it had turned out to be just the reverse: a resort of the priests, who looked upon the women as their lawful prey, and the abode of hatred and jeulousy. She had found it to be a sink of immorality, even in the short time she wore the veil,

One day she had found the imprisoned uns by the merest accident, from whom she had learned of murders and fearful practices carried on there. Cruel and inhuman tortures were inflicted on the in mates. Nuns were compelled to kneel and kiss the feet of the Superior, the ground, and to go about on their knees doing penance, or to wear the cap, the agonies which were worse than death.

At last the death of her mother removed the restraint which had kept her from more extreme experiences, and the treatment she received changed im-I have an important confidential message for you. It will come in a plain envelope. How to conquer the figure habit in 3 days and make home happy. Wenderful, safe, lasting, reliable, inexpensive method, guaranteed. Write to Edw. J. Woods, G. 193, Station E. New York, N. Y. Show this to others.

Then turning to Joyce, Mark continued:

The man who planned to make She had contemplated escaping from the place, but doors were always locked, and Jesuits waited in the city, whose chief delight was to run down the slaves of the

Drawing the tired girl to him, Mark tried to turn her mind from the memory of her wrongs, telling her that they were free, and that they would forget the crumpled him on the floor, and when his their love would be golden light making home would be. There the rainbows of truth would hide the dark cloud through Hurrying from the house, Mark led his which they had passed, and they would ompanions toward the left entrance near forget that they had been beaten by the

gloom around the gate two men glided night. No path would prove too long down the wall and threw themselves on for Paraza and his henchmen. He knew ercise would not insure them against falling into the hands of the priests. Naturally his mind turned back to the blue security of the hills. There, men were detached, and he stood a chance not to meet those who might trail him and the woman he loved. There was shelter in their shadowy canyons and whispering forests. There he would have his home, where the white waters glided past, and the wind made music in the aspens.

He was feverishly anxious to get away. It was decided that a secret wedding, to be followed by leaving the city, was the first thing in their plans. One night Mark was called from his room to meet a stranger, who proved to be a large man,

with broad shoulders and square chin. ANOTHER VICTIM OF him. Though large, he moved lightly on his feet, and looked very straight at an sbject. A chap to be feared if aroused was an additional impression gained by a

He brought a written message from Dr. Wilkenson. Mark read it very carefully. It warned him to be on his goard, mice were on his track, and assured him of the loyalty of the writer. All the deputs and landings awarmed with the spies of the hierarchy, who were search ing every nook and corner of the city. It was necessary for them to escape at the earliest moment, but that must be across stated, further, that the writer had been compelled to resign his pastorate through the work of Jemits in his own congress

ce going on through the nebulous | Mark sent a brief reply and returned Under the express trees to his room. He knew they must leave they paused for a mement and she the city at once. Before he retired he in his arms, after the manner of bad planned his course. For a time he young girl, imprisoned in the so-Keeping to the shadowy bark streets, rise over the dim mountains. A light at Warsaw and Hawthorn avenues they finally came to a large house, cm. wind stirred the maples around the in that city, who became so desperbowered down in front and the mountain house. Here and there he caught glimpses rose up at the rear. The sound of run of the river, flashing in the wide base. ning water came to them and there was Beyond, the dark heave of wooded slopes mell of mint in the air. The breath rose, muffled and indistinct. Already the of the blue silence was serect. Peace town was sinking to rest, its fever half seemed to pass tiptoe over the world, and cooled. Far away a beat whistled for As he spoke, Mark anapped the all the stars were promises. For a time the draw, and later he heard it pant up cublems and threw them from him they stood under the tremulous leaves, to the landing. The purity and gentlejust now full of whispers, but their words ness of the hour contrasted radically with ere few because their hearts were full, the menace and hatred which sought to Here also the name of Dr. Wilkensen take his tife and the life of the woman ever it was that caused her to atproved an open sesame, for they were he loved, simply because they desired to oth cordially received. Other garments he clean and escape from the corrupto go from the hands of God to your own were furnished Joyce in the place of the tions of Romanism. Nature was beautinun's dress, and she reappeared shortly ful, her laws were benign and harmon-looking dainty enough. Then, seated jous. Somewhere a night bird sent its behind drawn blinds, they rehearsed their low plaint through the dusk. The stars were few because of the moon, but there ens a deep murk under the trees.

Later in the night he started from his eep with a feeling that something was mistaken; that was the smell of fire in his nostrils. Springing out of bed, be veranda, shut in by lattice-work to the first floor. As he opened a door and the shadow of trees, Mark a wall of black smoke rolled over him. dressed in great haste, and hurried down "Lead the way," he commanded, and Joyce made plans for their future. in which he saw red congues of fire feelng about like long claws.

Springing to the sink, he opened the pogot and filled a ressel with water, which he threw on the flames. Hurrying to the rear part of the house, he from rags of the priests, with their stock of the conflagration well advanced. There unbelievable stories, which became insipid and disgusting. to save those in the house.

there were eries and the trampling of who demanded in much agitation what the trouble was about. A word sent him flying to the fire-alarm, while Mark A Donation for The Free Press hastened to Joyce's room and beat upon her door, telling her the danger. Receiv ing no reply, he broke in the door, only to find the room empty and the window open. Scattered garments and disarray ndicated that a struggle had taken

Leaping through the window to the roof of the porch, he found a ladder propped against the railing. Down this he slid to the ground and paused to listen. A sound caused him to turn; the man who brought the note was approach-

ing at a rapid pace. (To be continued next week)

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Georgia Girl, Aged 17, Trying to Escape From Cincinnati H. O. G. S. Fell Three Stories When Rope Broke

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parents, in Atlanta, Ga., could not centrol her, and had sent her to this place for discipline. As a re-sult of that "discipline," or whattempt escape through a fourth-story window, Ruby Collins is now in the

On the evening of Nov. 11, when she had been in this place but a few days, Ruby tied a sheet and blanket together, lowered them from the window, and tried to descend, wrong. He sat up. No, he could not be When the rope broke she fell fully three stories to the ground, then crawled, half conscious to the gate where she was found by the ever watchful police about such places and sent to the hospital.

Cincinnati General Hospital,

What legal or moral right have even parents to turn their children over to such an institution? The least that can be decently done conofficial inspection so inmates can have some assurance of reasonable treatment. There is too much mystered the abbey expecting to find it a feet. On the landing he met his host, tery about these places, to say the

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The Cotholic Citizen, of Milwaukee, prematurely reported the election of Taggart in Kansas, and of numerous other papist politicians who were found outside the breastworks at the complete rollical. No wonder the Citizen thinks that The Menace had little to do with the election. It also reported the defeat of Gov. Catts, a case where the wish was father to the thought. father to the thought.

When the devil was sick, the devil a mint would be: when the devil was well, the devil a saint was he. Popery is very sick just now, and is playing the martyr; but those who have a memory should not be decrived.

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